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SUBJECT: SELKHOZTEKHNIKA '78 - OPENING DAY

1. SELKHOZTEKHNIKA '78 OPENED ON SCHEDULE WITH ALL
STANDS COMPLETED, STAFFED, AND EQUIPMENT IN OPERATION.

2. OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONIES WERE HELD AT 10:00 A.M.,
AUGUST 31, WITH OPENING REMARKS BY Z. N. NURIYEV,
DEPUTY CHAIRMAN AND AGRICULTURE EXPERT OF THE USSR
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, I. F. SINITSYN, MINISTER OF
TRACTOR AND AGRICULTURAL MACHINE BUILDING, AND B. A.
BORISOV, CHAIRMAN OF USSR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND
INDUSTRY. CHARGE GARRISON WAS PRESENT FOR THESE
CEREMONIES.

3. FOLLOWING THE OPENING, CHARGE AND ECON/COMMERCIAL
COUNSELOR TOURED USA PAVILION AND TALKED AT LENGTH
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WITH ALL EXHIBITORS. THEY WERE ALSO PRESENT TO GREET
OFFICIAL PARTY, LED BY NURIYEV, AND ESCORT THEM
THROUGH USA EXHIBIT.

4. THERE WAS NO OPPORTUNITY FOR SUBSTANTIVE DISCUS-
SION WITH NURIYEV DURING HIS TOUR OF U.S. EXHIBIT.
HIS REMARKS DURING "GALA OPENING" CEREMONIES PREVIOUS
EVENING AT HOTEL ROSSIYA CENTRAL CONCERT HALL WERE

GENERAL IN NATURE, PRAISING PAST ACHIEVEMENTS AND
PROMISING CONTINUED EMPHASIS ON AGRICULTURE IN
ELEVENTH FIVE YEAR PLAN (1981-1985). AT THAT TIME
HE ALSO LAUDED RDLE OF FOREIGN TRADE IN HELPING SOVIET
UNION ACHIEVE DOMESTIC AGRICULTURAL GOALS. BOTH
NURIYEV AT EVENING CEREMONIES AUGUST 30 AND SINITSYN
AT MORNING CEREMONIES AUGUST 31 LISTED UNITED STATES
FIRST WHEN MENTIONING SOVIET FOREIGN TRADE PARTNERS
IN AGRICULTURAL FIELD. IN EVENING CEREMONIES NURIYEV
ALSO MENTIONED DNE SPECIFIC COOPERATION PROJECT AS
EXEMPLARY -- THAT OF U.S. COMPANY JOHN DEER.
GARRISON

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